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1. [ ] Received a call from Mr. David Alexander, in the office of Representative Nick Begich (D., Alaska), who requested that application forms and brochures be sent to their Fairbanks office to the attention of Mrs. Janet Baird in response to a constituent's request. The appropriate forms were sent out.

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2. [ ] Mark Schneider called saying he was with Senator Kennedy (D., Mass.) and wanted a copy of the CIA Analysis of North Vietnamese Peace Proposal which was referred to him as reported in the New York Times this morning. I told Mr. Schneider that I was not familiar with the subject, but was also not optimistic on satisfying his request since our products are produced for and under the direction of the National Security Council. In response to his question on whether the answer hinges on the security classification of the material, I said not necessarily. He asked if we could give him our answer this morning and I said I would try.

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3. [ ] Paul Schlegel, in the office of Representative Seymour Halpern (R., N. Y.), called on behalf of a constituent and posed a number of questions concerning the Agency. Schlegel agreed that our brochure should suffice and a copy was sent to him.

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4. [ ] Nedra Pipher, of the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, called to advise that a letter signed by Chairman Muskie, of that Subcommittee, and Chairman Ribicoff, of the Executive Reorganization Subcommittee, was being sent to the Director to invite him to appear in executive session before a joint meeting of those Subcommittees to testify along with Secretaries Laird and Rogers and Attorney General Mitchell on the involvement of top Laotian, Thai and Vietnamese officials in drug traffic. She said she wanted to make sure the Director was made aware of the invitation before the letter is made available to the press on Sunday. It was agreed that this was accomplished by this call and she said she would drop the letter in the mail.

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5. [ ] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called regarding the article by Tad Szulc in the New York Times discussing a document reportedly prepared by the Agency on the latest Viet Cong peace proposal. Braswell commented that this appeared to be a leak from an Administration source and added it was very difficult for people on the Hill to take a stand against indiscriminate leaks of classified information when it appears that the Administration is engaging in the same practice. I told him we were very concerned about the article also and added Mr. Maury was on the Hill and would be seeing Senator Stennis and him during the course of the day. I told him Mr. Maury might have some further thoughts on this.

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6. [ ] Mr. John Clarke, D/PPB, called to advise he had notified Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, that a careful review of the situation has brought us to the conclusion that if it should become necessary to terminate Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe the estimated termination cost was approximately \$80 million (see Mr. Clarke's Memorandum for the Record). This is the figure that will be used in the budget briefing of the House Appropriations Committee on 13 July.

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7. [ ] Picked up from Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Ellender's letter to the Director (with a similar letter to Assistant Secretary of Defense Packard) asking that Defense and the Agency make a decision in favor of either the DOD or Agency sensitive readout systems. This has been forwarded to the Director and copies sent to Colonel White and Mr. Duckett.

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8. [ ] Bill Shinn, a State Department intern now working in the office of Senator Adlai Stevenson III (D., Ill), called in connection with the bill introduced by Senator Cooper. Shinn recalled the briefing we had given Representative Brad Morse (R., Mass.) on Africa prior to the Congressman's travel there and asked if the Agency did this with other members. I told Shinn that we try to be responsive to requests of this sort whenever we could do so. Shinn obviously was concerned with the impact of the Cooper bill.

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9. [ ] Accompanied the Director and Messrs.

Carver and [ ] who appeared before Chairman Mahon and Representatives Andrews and Minshall, of the House Appropriations Committee. See Memorandum for the Record.

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10. [ ] Met with Chairman Stennis, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and explained our problems with Senator Proxmire's request for the Director's appearance in an open session of the Joint Economic Committee to discuss the Soviet military budget and Senator Muskie's request for a copy of a sensitive study on the Soviet ICBM program prepared for the Agency by [ ]

Stennis agreed and said he would support my recommendations that Proxmire's request be met by our providing material to the State Department for presentation to the Committee and that Muskie's request be met by providing the conclusion of the study in question and allowing a duly cleared staff member to examine the backup material under our control.

Senator Stennis explained his request for a draft speech he could make on the floor emphasizing the importance of the Agency, the necessity for maintaining its security, and its effectiveness in serving the national interest. He said he wanted me to prepare this speech and include any material I thought useful, and that it was not necessary to coordinate it with members of his staff.

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11. [ ] In response to a call to the Director's office from Senator Kennedy's office, I called Mark Schneider, of the Senator's staff. Schneider said the Senator wanted a copy of the CIA publication quoted by Tad Szulc in today's New York Times. I said this was an official publication for the use of the White House, NSC, and other Executive agencies and not available for circulation outside of the Executive community. I told him that while we could not provide the document we would be glad to brief the Senator orally on the significance of the Viet Cong peace proposals which the document discusses. Schneider said he had checked with Mrs. Davis, of the White House, who said it was not an NSC publication. I said it had not been requested by the NSC but was disseminated to NSC members and to the Executive officials. He asked the classification and I said I was not sure but believed it was higher than confidential. He asked if the item contained anything more than the passages quoted by the Times. After consulting with Mr. Carver and checking with the Director, I called Schneider back to say the portions quoted by the Times did not represent the full text.

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12. [ ] Called Maynard Toll, in the office of Senator Edmund Muskie (D., Maine), to say we could not provide him with the full [ ] study mentioned in item 10 above, but would be glad for an appropriately cleared member of the staff to review the study and to provide a sanitized version of the conclusions for the Senator's retention. Toll said this sounded satisfactory and he would turn the matter over to the Committee staff for followup.

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13. [ ] Philip Trimble, on the staff of the Muskie Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Law and Organization, called pursuant to the Muskie request and we agreed that he should visit the Agency at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, 12 July, to review the study in question and obtain a copy of the conclusion for the Subcommittee's retention.

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14. [ ] Senator John C. Stennis' (D., Miss.) secretary, Mrs. Ward, called in behalf of the Senator to let us know that the Senator had talked to Senator Proxmire who had agreed that the Agency provide its information on the Soviet defense budget to the State Department for presentation to the Joint Economic Committee.

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15. [ ] Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to request a copy of the document quoted by Tad Szulc in today's New York Times. I explained that we would be glad to brief him orally on the subject of the Communist's peace proposals which the document discusses, but could not provide the document. He said he was calling just for the sake of the record.

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